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THE FAMOUS BRITISH AUTHOR CAME TO THIS COUNTRY TO CELEBRATE HIS SEVENTH
FIFTH BIRTHDAY HE WILL RETURN TO ENGLAND DIRECTLY AFTER HIS SPEECH
AT THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB "MOON AND SIXPENCE" WAS ONE OF HIS GREAT
WORKS "OF HUMAN BONDAGE" WAS ANOTHER

W. SOMERSET MAUGHAM

MAUGHAM, KNOWN AS THE MOST WIDELY READ WRITER TODAY, IS THE SON OF THE LORD
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BY A VERY INFORMAL BIRTHDAY PARTY. MASTER OF ENGLISH PROSE, HAS BEEN HIS
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CLUB OPEN FROM 9:30 A. M. UNTIL 8:30 P. M. IN THE EVENING...

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PROGRESS * * * * *

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The date for the Annual Banquet is Friday evening, March 4, 1949. Our tenth Anniversary dinner will be held in the ballroom of the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria. Egbert White, appointed chairman of the Dinner Committee, is leaving for a month's business trip to Europe and has tendered his post as chairman of the Committee to Louis Lochner.

Derso and Kelen will do the program drawings this year. This Dinner will be held in honor of George C. Marshall, former Secretary of State and Chief of Staff for the United States. Marshall's career has been closely followed by the members of the Club since the founding of our organization because he became Chief of Staff just about the time that the club was formed. In his dual role over the past decade our members have written, talked and covered his career, in war and peace.

Distinguished statesmen, friends of Marshall, will be present to honor this great American. Formal invitations will reach members as soon as the list of prominent speakers has been completed.

The ballot prepared by the Awards Committee has been mailed to the entire membership, along with a letter from the Committee, according to Richard C. Hottelet, Chairman. Ballots to members abroad were sent Air-Mail so that they can be returned in time for the February 15th deadline after which the ballots will be counted. No ballots received after midnight, February 15th, will be counted by the Committee which will meet on February 17th for this purpose.

Beautiful Hamilton watches will be given to the five award winners this year, which includes the new award for photographers on foreign news. The George Polk Memorial Award to be given the first time will be a money award of a considerable sum donated by Columbia Broadcasting System.

Edgar Ansel Mowrer spoke last week at the Freedom House Forum in New York on the subject "Next Steps In Our Relations With Russia".

Benjamin Cohen, head of the Information Department of the United Nations, was honored at the Information Center of the United Nations (Fifth Ave. and 44th St.) last week at the celebration of the first anniversary of the UN.

Fritz Oppen of American Broadcasting Company in London wrote to the Club Secretary suggesting that the Club might be of service to members abroad if a firm could be found here to send cigarettes tax free to correspondents abroad. The mission was duly completed and we are happy to inform our members abroad that they can write the Club or directly to the firm of Messrs. Fraser, Morris & Co., 119 West 57th St., New York, N.Y., for tax free cigarettes to be mailed to them. Three cartons packed for shipping cost \$4.00; five cartons, \$6.25; and ten cartons, \$11.00. An extra charge is added for the ten carton package to be sent to the Far East of Seventy-Five cents. Camels and Philip Morris are the top cigarettes sent by this firm but they will mail any other brand at the same price.

Jack Glenn of March of Time is now President of the Screen Directors Guild --- Eric Hawkins says Jack is still the same good newsman he was when he worked on the Paris Herald but watch those ulcers, Glenn.

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Joe Laitin, of Reuters, leaves this week for a month's vacation in Mexico. Desmond Tighe of the Kemsley Newspapers is back in London -- he is very much missed in New York as a guest member.

Irvin Taubkin of the New York Times recommends highly a translator by the name of Miss Suzanne Mouzay who can be reached at MU 8-2300. She can take French or English dictation as she is equally capable in French and English. Worked for the U.S. Army in Paris and then with the State Department.

Stanley Swinton, formerly in Singapore for AP, is expected in New York soon... he is now in Europe and will go to London, thence to the States.... Carter Davidson, AP Palestine, is in the Middle West on leave for a month. Don Cook of the New York Herald Tribune office in London is home on leave... he is in the Middle West on leave at the present time.

Joe Barnes, editor of the New York Star, has announced that the paper will cease publication on Thursday night, January 27th, of this week. Asked if this was his only statement, Joe said "You don't say very much in an obit."

Ted O. Thackery has now complete control and management of the New York Post and Home News. His wife, Dorothy Thackery, has relinquished her positions as co-editor and co-publisher.

Betty Wason, former wife of Sam Dashiell (now stationed in Japan with AMG), has come back into the Overseas Press Club. She is now working with the "Voice of America". Marty Bursten describes his hair raising experiences in Palestine in a Parade article entitled "Fighting Druses of Palestine" in the current issue of that publication.

John Wilhelm, McGraw Hill, is returning to New York en route to Mexico City where he will again represent McGraw Hill. John and Peggy Wilhelm celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary in Buenos Aires last week. Many OPC members will remember their wedding on a snowy day at the 9th Army Press Camp at Maastericht, Holland -- Gordon Fraser of ABC drove them through a German air raid afterward, nobly offering his helmet to Peggy.

Louis Lochner has started on a week's lecture trip in Florida. On his return, he will start working on the manuscript for his next book, which will be the autobiography of Fritz Kreisler, world famous violinist and composer - contracted for by Doubleday & Co.

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The following applications for membership have been received. Members are urged to send in their suggestions, recommendations or complaints to the Chairman of the Admissions Committee, Craig Thompson, in writing within fifteen days.

ACTIVE:

L. S. CHAKALES, Chief Associated Press Bureau, Athens, Greece, July 1945 to August 1948, Rome, Greece, Tirana, Belgrade, Sofia.

JOHN H. COLBURN, General executive, Associated Press. London, January-March, 1943; Sweden-Finland, April 1943-June 1944; England, France, Switzerland, Belgium, June 1944 to May 1945. From June, 1945 to July 1946, covered assignments U.K., Holland, Germany, Norway, Czechoslovakia, Austria.

STUART GRIFFIN, PIO, SCAP, Tokyo, Japan. Japan, Civil Information Officer at I Corps, Kyoto, later Tokushima Mil. Gov. Team from August 1947 through present.

Formerly American Red Cross, Philippines, March to August 1945; Japan (ARC), Sept. 1945 to May, 1946; Korea, ARC, Aug. to Sept. 1946; Japan, ARC, Oct. 1946 to July 1947.

MAC. R. JOHNSON, Chief Bureau, Buenos Aires, N.Y. Herald Tribune. Oct. 1942 to July 1946, continuous war correspondent, Nimitz theatre for United Press and the N. Y. Herald Tribune; occupation of Japan, Korea, China; Philippines post war. B. A. Bureau from Feb. 1947 to present.

BERYL KENT, Public Information office, Far Eastern Command, General Headquarters, Tokyo, Japan. April, 1946 to present time, Newswriter in PIO, GHQ, FEC.

LOUIS WEINTRAUB, Photo Editor, Keystone Pictures, Inc. War Photographer, Army Pictorial Service, U.S. Army, European Theatre of Operations, England, Sept. 1943 to June, 1944; France, June, 1944 and Germany, Austria, Switzerland until December 1945.

GUEST:

GEOFFREY CHARLES BOCCA, Kemsley Newspapers of London. Stationed in New York. Served in Germany in 1945 as a war correspondent for the Daily Express of London.

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Lt. Al Rohde, PIO for Lt. General Keller E. Rockey, Commanding General of the Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, and Commanding General, Expeditionary Troops (for the Exercises), announced this week that February 14th will mark the opening date of the largest joint Army, Navy, Marine Corps, peacetime exercises in the Caribbean. The final all out objective will be to seize and occupy the Island of Vieques off the coast of Puerto Rico. 35,000 personnel will participate.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The WHO'S WHO IN FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATION OF THE OPC, WHICH WAS ISSUED IN MARCH 1948, WILL HAVE A NEW EDITION IN THE FALL OF 1949 OR THE OPENING MONTHS OF 1950. New blanks for information about members will be sent out next September. The Board of Governors decided that our OPC "WHO'S WHO" should be published every two years rather than every year. There are still some copies available of the first edition and orders are received daily from all over the country for the booklet.

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Joe Wurzel, editor and director of AP, Ltd. (Picture and Feature service) a subsidiary of AP, has resigned to fill the newly created position on LOOK of picture editor, according to Gardner Cowles, editor of the magazine. Joe will be one of the assistants to Dan Mich, executive of LOOK.

About ninety members and guests attended the luncheon at the Hotel Sherry Netherlands on Wednesday, January 19th, to hear Walter Kerr, foreign editor of the N.Y. Herald Tribune, and Eric Hawkins, managing editor of the Paris Herald. Many former reporters of the famous Paris Herald were present, including Whit Burnett, Jack Glenn, Wolfe Kaufman, Al Laney, Dora Miller, Arthie Rey Nichols, Dave Perlman, Peter Rhodes, Frank Webb, Rex Smith, Richard Mowrer, etc. One member, Tom Cope of the N.Y. Daily News and Ham Whitman, another OPCer, said they had not seen so many Left-Bankers for many a day -- all in one room, that is.

Walter Kerr read the latest dispatch from member Arch Steele in China saying that he had not decided whether to stay in Peiping to see the "birth of a nation" or proceed south and see the "death of an old one". Arch cabled that correspondents in China have to walk miles to the censors and then more miles to the telegraph offices.

Kerr said that the Socialist party in France is split in two and that the present government is extremely weak but is holding on. De Gaulle had the largest single majority in the election but not enough support to form a coalition government.

Eric Hawkins, in a nostalgic talk about Paris, said that he thought the Paris Herald under James Gordon Bennett was one of the best newspapers ever printed and that although it had been highly criticized, it still had the best elements of what a newspaper should be. He said that Larry Hills, when he was the director in Paris, had had the idea that the Paris edition should be completely separate from the N. Y. Herald Tribune in New York.

Most of the correspondents who live in Paris have to live in pretty cold flats as there is little coal and food is high. Despite the wild stories about the reporters on the Paris Herald, of which Hawkins knew about three hundred or more, Eric feels that there is and always has been a camaraderie not found in other publications. Most of the members present agreed with him. He told some interesting incidents of some of the men who had worked on the Paris Herald but was careful not to mention any names..... as a matter of fact he didn't have to everybody knew the colleagues to whom he referred.

Hester E. Hensell,
Editor



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